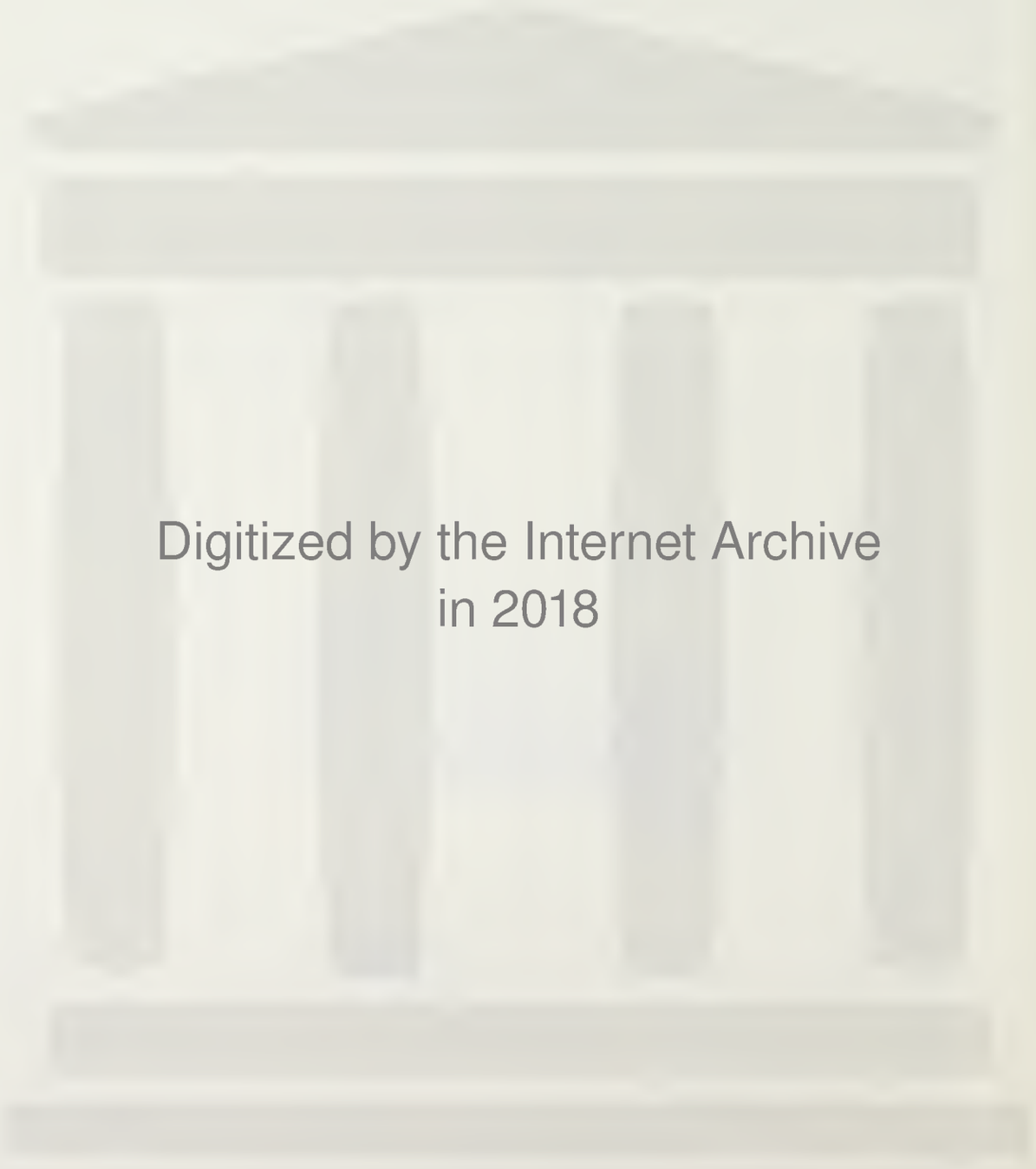
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THE COMMONS FAMILY

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Happy Birthday to my
big sister Sophia, in loving
appreciation of the many
kindnesses you have
done to me in the past.

Tom Connors

MEMOIR OF THE COMMONS FAMILY

Will Rogers says "Life begins at forty." Whether that is true or not, here am I at that age trying to recall the lives of my ancestors as far back as I am able A few more years and I will be only a memory, so here is something to hand down to make those memories more vivid In gathering this data and other information I have needed, I am much indebted to Mrs Virginia McArthur who has had much experience in genealogy, and while on a trip in the east took the time to check the Chester County records at the courthouse in Westchester, Pa. Also while in Philadelphia, she checked the Quaker minutes of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and thus, with the aid of an old history of the early settlers of Wayne County, Ind. I was able to give an accurate record of our early ancestors.

However, the later part of the family record was furnished by the following relatives: Mrs. Martha Lizetta Commons-Lacky-Fausett; Mrs Lititia Opal Commons-Mushrush; Mrs. Ada Mary Commons-Stottlemyer; Miss Edith May Buchanan; Mr Arza Franklin Commons; Mrs Hazel Catherine Commons-McFarland; Mrs Sophia Opal Commons-Blaugh; Mrs. Garnet Craig-Pepple; and other relatives whom I wish to take this opportunity to thank

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Early History of The Commons Family

The Comyns (Commons) family is said to have come from Normandy, but others believe them to be from Northumber land. Their home was Badenock in the northeastern wilds of Ireland. Sir John (The Red) Comyns was slain with King Malcolm III at the battle of Alnwick in 1093. Another Sir John (The Red) Comyns, first Lord of Badenock, was ambassador to King Louis IX of France in 1240, and his son John was a competitor for the Scottish Crown, however, King Edward I of England, chose John Boliol to be King of Scotland. This did not prevent Comyns from swearing allegiance to the English King. His son John (also called The Red) Comyns, succeeded him as Lord of Badenock.

He sought to betray Robert Bruce, who discovered his treachery and stabbed him in the church of Dumfries. Sir Roger Kirkpatrick killed Comyns outright and thus died the last Lord of Badenock who was named Comyns. His lands passed to Buchan, who was descended from another Comyns. In revenge the whole Comyns clan arose against Bruce, who defeated them. The leaders were outlawed and their lands forfeited. The Comyns race is represented by the Gordon-Cummings, Baronet of Gordon-stown.

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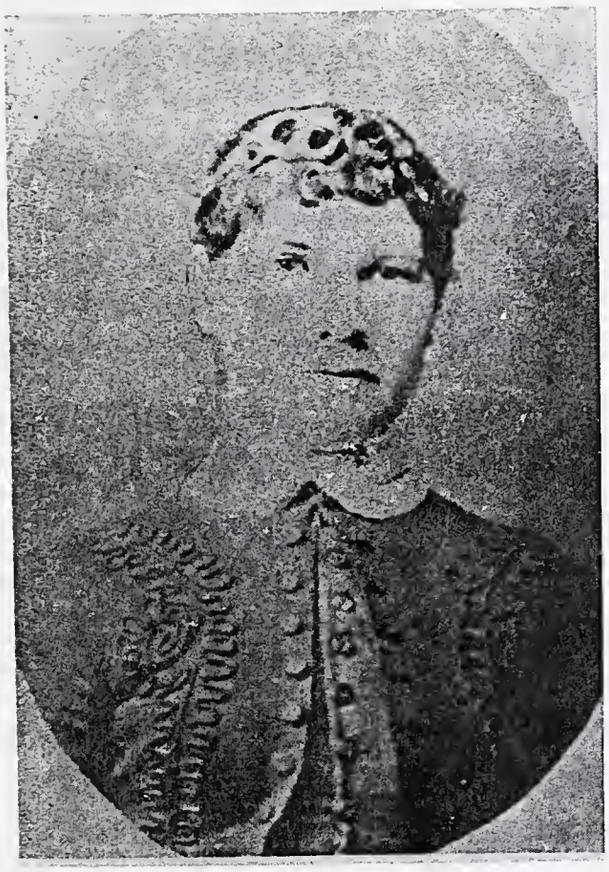
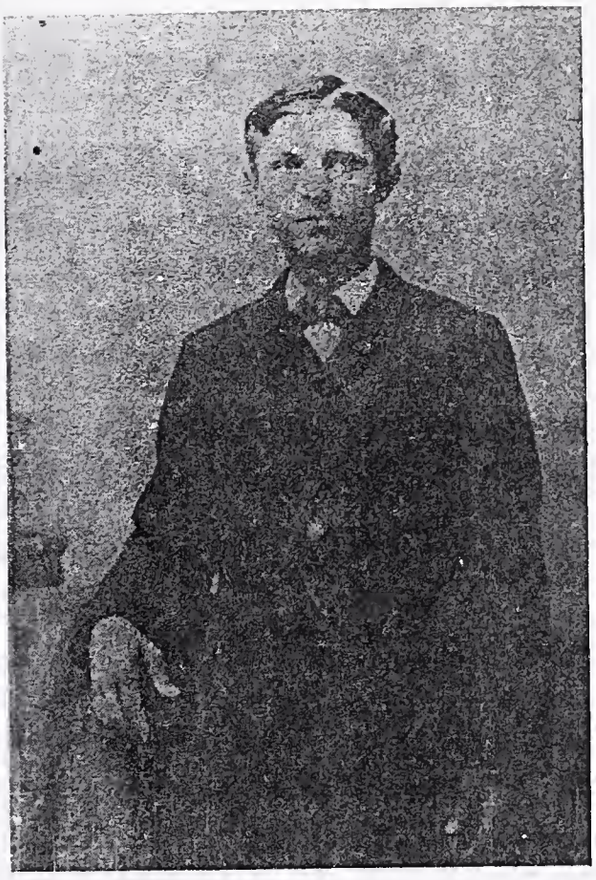


Hortense Pauline Warner-Commons 1887



Robert Mahlon Commons 1887

Ernest Floyd Commons

Claude Charles Commons

THE COMMONS FAMILY BIOGRAPHICALLY AND GENEALOGICALLY

The Commons family isn't as plentiful as some you might mention, but their history is just as colorful and one which I am sure you will find quite interesting. The first authentic record we have of them is in the 17th century, when they lived in County Kerry in the extreme southeast part of Ireland. Irish history is one continuous tale of their struggle for religious freedom and for self-government. The English killed thousands and took their best lands, till in desperation they began to immigrate to other lands.

History tells us that the people of the Catholic faith who came over here from Ireland were called Irish-Catholics; while those of the Protestant faiths were called Scotch-Irish. Our ancestors were of the Quaker faith and the wife of the first one I have a record of belonged to the Friends Society of Bellyhagin. These were very strict and did not allow members to marry one of any other faith.

William Commons lived in County Kerry Ireland and was a Protestant but not a Quaker at that time. He fell in love with an Irish girl by the name of Sarah Scarlett, who was a Quaker and belonged to the Society of Friends of Bellyhagin. Then in 1746, when they were married, the Society put her out because she had married an outsider.

Robert Commons, the first son of William and Sarah Commons was born in 1748, and the next year in 1749 they gathered together all their possessions and came to America. The first place they settled was on a little farm in 1750 in New Garden Township Chester County, Pa. from the Pennsylvania Land Co. of London England. There they made their permanent home and added 18 acres to it in 1768 with all its improvements. During this time William had several times requested permission to join the Quakers, which on April 4, 1759 was granted and they joined the New Garden Society of Friends in Chester County, Pa.

Also during these years, the babies kept coming at regular intervals. Besides Robert, who was born in Ireland, there were four more boys, John, William Jr., Elisha, and Joseph. They all grew to manhood there and married and went out to make new homes for themselves, while the old folks stayed on the home place and spent the rest of their days there.

Robert Commons the oldest son of William and Sarah Commons, was married to Ruth Hayes and moved to West Virginia, where they lived about fifteen years, then when West Virginia came into the Union as a slave state and because the Quakers didn't believe in slavery, Robert took his family in 1812 and moved across the mountains to Indiana. They settled on a farm northwest of Centerville, Indiana in Union Township, where besides his farming and other work, he operated an underground railway station and helped many negro slaves escape to Canada. He and his wife had nine children, Lydia, Phoebe, Isaac, William, John, Ezekiel, Hannah, Nathan and David. Robert spent the rest of his days on the farm and died December 19, 1837 aged 89 years. One of his sons, John Rogers Commons was a teacher in Oberlin College, Wis., and wrote several books. Another son, William Commons was a carpenter and built the first courthouse at Sailsbury, Ind. and later the one at Centerville, both built of logs. David Commons, the youngest son, was quite prominent in politics and served in 1847 and 1848 in the state legislature as representative.

John Commons, the second son of William Commons, Sr., grew to manhood on his father's farm and fell in love with a Quaker girl named Sarah Dixon. She belonged to the Kennet Society of Friends and in 1779 they asked permission to get married. This permission was granted so they were married and moved to North Carolina in Randolph County, where they made their home on a farm. Two children were born to them there; Isaac in 1783, and Mary 1787. While the children were quite young, their parents got a fever and died, leaving them to be raised by other folks.

Isaac Commons grew to manhood there in Randolph County, N.C. Then, in 1808, he married and moved to a farm near Richmond, Indiana. He was the first settler in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Indiana, and built and operated a sawmill there.

Mary Commons grew to womanhood and never married, but had one child whom she named John, for his grandfather.

John Commons was born May 1, 1811, in Randolph County, N.C., and lived with his mother on the home place where he grew to manhood. Then he fell in love with Rachael Clark, who was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Bratton-Clark. On Jan. 12, 1832, they were married by Rev. Franklin Harris, Esq., and John brought his bride home with him to live.

Madison Kidd Commons was the first addition to the family, born Oct. 10, 1832. I know very little about him, except that he served in the Union army in the Civil War. In 1861 he got typhoid fever and was furloughed home where he died Jan. 11, 1862, never having been married.

Mary Francis Commons was the next child, born Sept. 11, 1834. She grew to womanhood and eventually married James Lund and became the mother of two children, Magdalene who died in infancy, and Samantha Jane, who grew up and married John Bicer.

Robert Bratton Commons was the third Child, born Mar. 4, 1837 in Randolph County where they still lived near High Point. In the meantime, John had become a skilled blacksmith and the government offered him 80 acres if he would move to Indiana and run a shop there. So, in 1838 John and Rachael loaded what they could in a covered wagon, and with their little family moved to Indiana. They settled on a farm 3 miles east of Clarksville where they built their home and also his blacksmith shop. Later John built another blacksmith shop in Clarksville out of brick which is still standing and is now being used by a cabinetmaker. The little family was very happy in their new home and the babies continued to come; Sarah Jane, Eliza Ann, James Alpheous, and Samuel Clifford, all born in Hamilton Co., Indiana. John made one trip back to North Carolina where he sold the old home place and brought his mother back to Indiana with him to live. There she spent the rest of her days and died Feb. 15, 1851 at the age of 64, and was burried in a little pioneer cemetery on the old Commons homestead 3 miles east of Clarksville.

Robert Bratton Commons grew up just like any other boy and went to a little log school house near his home. There he learned his lessons and after school hurried home to do the chores and help what he could on the farm. He also helped his father in the blacksmith shop and learned that trade. Eventually he fell in love with the girl with whom he was going and they made plans to be married. This was Rebecca Crismore and she was the daughter of Henry and Sarah Crismore. On Mar. 7, 1858, Robert and Rebecca were married and with his father's aid they bought a farm a short distance from his father's home, where they started housekeeping.

William Alpheous Commons born Jan. 21, 1859, was the first child to bring happiness to their little home.

Nancy Jane Commons, born Aug. 23, 1860 was the next child to bring them happiness.

Life isn't all sunshine and roses by any means and their's was no exception. In 1860 the Civil War broke out, and when Lincoln called for volunteers, Robert Bratton thought it his duty to leave his home and family and inlist. He joined the 39th Indiana Volunteers and with heavy heart, Rebecca watched her man don his blue uniform and march away. Now followed dark days for the little family and Rebecca had her hands full with providing for her children. She did the milking cut the wood and even made the cloth for their clothes. On the 8th of Dec. 1862, William Alpheous, her first born, died and left a vacancy which even the new baby. Robert Mahlon Commons, born Aug. 25, 1862, could not fill.

Robert Bratton was a good soldier and did his best, but like many other homeloving men, he got homesick and longed for the time to come when he would be free to come back home again. Mail was scarce in those days and when Rebecca received a letter from her soldier husband she had reason to rejoice. He was with the army in Tennessee then and wrote whenever he got a chance. Here are two letters written while he was in camp; one in Murfessboro, Tenn. and the other, Castillion Springs:

Dec. the 3rd 1862
Camp Castillion Springs, Tennessee.

Dear Friends-- I at last take time to drop a few lines to let you know that I am in tolerable good health at present hoping these few lines will find you all enjoying the same blessing. N. Brooks got a letter from pap, which stated that Isaac had gotten home and was able to be around by using a cane. I am glad to hear he is getting better. Well Edward you wanted me to write to you once in a shile but I have writing as soon as I should have done, so I need not make any appoligies. Wel I will tell you a little about my travels. Wel I have saw a great many natural curiositys. I have saw some awful poor country and some very good. Wel I saw a curiosity at Bolinggrean. We camped at a place called the lost river. It is a creek riseing at one end of a deep place in the ground or you mite say in the rock about 100 feet deep and runs about 50 yds and goes under again, and then it comes up and then runs into a large cave and that is the last of it; and there was a great gristmill once at the mouth of the cave run by the creek; so no more on that.

Well we marched from Boilinggreen to Scottsville, Ky. and from there to Gallatin, Tennessee and then to this place 8 miles from said place. Well Tenn. has some as good land as ever was. I think Tenn. can beat Ky. all to pieces as far as I have seen. Wel dinner is ready so I must skedadle or I will get nothing to eat. Well dinner is over. Wel I was telling you about the land. Around Gallatin is as pretty a country as any need ot. It is black and rich and well timbered. There is Walnut, hickery, ash, oak, beech, sugar tree, and cherry and a great many other kinds. Well no more on that. Wel concerning Isaac he wanted me to collect some little debts of some of the boys and send it to him. But to get money where there is none is hard to do. I knew the boys hadent it at the time so I didnt bother about it, and I didnt know where to send it to; for I knew he was going home. So I just thought it would be a loss to send it even if I could get it. Maybe he will think hard of me for not writing to him, but he need not for I was expecting to hear of him being at home all the time. Wel Edward I would like to be there with you to eat apples and drink cider and help you with your work. I wouldnt mind work if I could only be there.

Well Edward you have not wrote to me or at least I have not gotten any from you yet. I would like very much to get a letter from you and Isaac, Sarah, pap and mother. I think you all have as much time to write as I have, so I would like to get a letter from some of you, one a week and then not think it any to much. The one that Ma'ar got was worth money.

I like to read such letters as that one, but I hate the idea of the rebels electing their men. I want to be there at the election next spring.

I have been out in the battleline drill; we had some fun. The Colonel took the first company out for scirmishes and we had to laugh at them. The Colonel commanded them to lye down and they layed down with their backs to the enemy, and the Colonel laughed at them and told them they layed down with their sterns to the enemy, so no more on that. Well Edward, N. Brooks has been out with our sutler in the country to trade coffee for provision. He got 5 chickens and a bucket full of potatoes, so we will have something good for dinner tomorrow. We have to pay two prices for anything we get that way, though we get a good price for what we trade. Well the health of the boys is better than it was, though we have only 30 for drill besides the guards. I dont think the regiment will average more than that to the company. Well Edward I want you to write to me as soon as you get these scribbles, and let me know how you are getting along and all the friends. Well Edward I believe I will bring my letter to a close by ascribing best respects to you and friends.

Robert Commons
This to Edward Alfrey and Isaac and
pap and mother and the rest.

(Same letter.)

Dec. 21, 1862

I have a little more to write this morning, last night one of our men by the name of James Webb who was out on picket, got shot in the foot. The ball went through at the joints of the toes. I suppose he was sitting down by a tree and the gun fell down and fired. The doctors cut his toes off. We have nice weather, cold frosty mornings and nice warm days.

Well the talk is that we have to give up our big tents and take a little things and carry them on the march; part of our items will be taken from us too. I think it is so the army will go down, for we have as much as we can carry now. And concerning the settlement of thiswar, I dont think it ever will be setiled satisfactory and if not settled soon this government is gone up forever, at least that is my opinion. Well this is all I have to say this time. All I ask of you all is to write once in a while. Write soon.

Robert Commons to his friends he hopes.

Jan. 16, 1863
Camp near Murfressboro, Tenn.

Dear Wife -- I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present. Sincerely hoping that these lines will find you all well and doing fine and in good heart. Well dear, we have a little winter down here in Tennessee. It rained yesterday. Last evening it commenced snowing and is snowing a little yet. We have a stove in our bunk and we keep a good warm fire to sit by. Well dear, I studied about you last night when I left you. O! I feel bad when I think of it. O, my dear, I try to do the best I can but my this is a hard place, but I keep from swearing. O, my dear I want you to pray for me, which I believe you do.

Now I would like to hear the news; I dont suppose you know much more than I do, but if you get any good news, I want you to tell me. Well my dear I have written 2 letters to you since I have been here, and hav not got a letter from you, but I have got a letter from pap

since I have been here, so I must write him a letter. Well I want to know whether you have anyone staying with you or not, and how you get along with the cow, and whether you have wood plenty or not, or whether you have got a hog or not, and so on. Well my dear I would like this war would come to an end. Well, Becca I want to know how Lina Boon and Eli's are getting along. Yes and Uncle Billies and James Lunds is getting along and William Lennes and Blackfords, for I feel enterested in all of my neighbors but O, my dear you are more enteresting to me then anything or all things in this world, and I pray the good Lord to spare me to get home to my darlings once more, and I hope it will soon come to pass when we meet. O, dear what a time we will have. You must not think I am homesick or anything of the kind, but would rather be with you to roll you in my arms and kiss your sweet lips. Well my dear I must bring my letter to a close for I have not much news to write; tho if I was a mind to I could tell a little about the battleground, but I will keep that till I come home, for I could not discribe it on paper. For it was the awfulest battle ever fought. The old 39th says Pittsburg Landing was a baby to this one. Well no more for this time but I remain your affectionate husband till death, Farewell

Robert B. Commons to Rebecca Commons

Days and weeks passed and lengthened into months and still this terrible war went on where friend fought against friend, and brother against brother. Robert Bratton, whose commanding officer was General Rosencrans, was in the thick of it. One hot day they were in camp at Chattanooga Tenn. when some of the men decided to go swimming in the Tennessee River. Robert Bratton was an extra good swimmer and soon was far ahead of the others. Then suddenly he felt a cramp coming on and shouted for help. The others thought he was playing a joke on them and didnt pay any attention to him. But this was no joke and soon he sank for the last time and was drowned on Sept. 1, 1863. He was burried in the military cemetery at Shiloh, Tenn.

It was indeed a sad time when Rebecca got Rosencran's letter. And now had more on her shoulders then ever. Still she struggled along by herself for two more years and then married a man named Frank Weist. This marriage did not work out very well though and in about six months he left and Rebecca got a divorce. The result of this marriage however, was Francis M. born Dec. 17, 1866. For several more years Rebecca took care of her children by herself, then she met another man that she liked and in 1870, she and Isaiah Reel were married. He took her and her children to his home in Wells County, Indiana, about 14 miles east of Huntington, to live. They had one little girl, Sarah M. born Dec. 24, 1871, who did not get to stay with them long, for she died April 8, 1874 and was buried on the Commons lot in the St. John Cemetery. Then, on Sept. 28, 1880, Francis M. died of typhoid fever, and was buried beside his sister. This left just the two children, Nancy Jane and Robert Mahlon for them to care for and raise.

Nancy Jane Commons grew up to be a fine young lady and met a young United Brethern minister whom she liked very much, and soon they decided to get married. Rev. Thomas E. Kinnaman was ordained in 1854 and had been preaching for several years. When the young couple started out together to preach the gospel, times were not very good and for some time they had quite a struggle. Finally they got the church at Shelbyville, Ind. and later the one at Richmond, Ind. and from then on seemed to get along real well. In fact they did so well that they were able to buy a small farm near Fortville, Ind. where they lived when they retired. There Nancy Jane died Dec. 16, 1916. Their only child was Oscar Kinnaman born Dec. 28, 1884. He grew up, married and moved to Califonia but never had any children. Rev. Kinnaman continued to live on his little farm with his second wife until his death April 12, 1925.

Robert Mahlon Commons was quite popular with his young friends and was always ready to play a joke on someone. One time he and John Henry Zion took a young fellow snipe hunting. They had him to hold a sack over a hole and wait till the snipe came out, then they left him and went home and he stayed till daylight before he caught on that they were playing a joke on him. Another time the rascals went to church and took the nuts off the buggy wheels and put them all in a pile. Then when the people came out and started to drive away, the wheels came off the buggies. But the worse of all I think was the time the young scamps went to a party where they had a taffy-pull and slipped some croton oil into the candy. Amongst other things Robert Mahlon learned was the filthy habit of chewing tobacco and always had to have that no matter if there was money for anything else or not. Well he certainly wasn't an angel by any means but still the girls seemed to find him very attractive. The one he liked most though was Hortense Pauline Warner who was the daughter of Lewis and Catherine Elizabeth Warner. They had also lived in Baden, Germany and while there had six children. Then they came to America and settled on a good farm in Wells County, Indiana where they had six more children. They were hard working people and wanted their girl to marry someone who would make her a good living, so they forbid Hortense to see Robert any more. But this did not suit the two young folks, so one dark night Robert came after the old folks were asleep and stood a ladder up to her upstairs window and helped her down. Then they eloped to Markle, Ind. and were married Oct. 31, 1887. From the very first they seemed to have hard times. Robert had never learned to earn his own living and it was hard for him to settle down and to assume his new responsibilities. He had inherited some land from his father's estate near Lapel, Ind. and went there to live. The first child born was Flossie on Aug. 8, 1888, and then in two more years along came Ernest. Then Robert sold his farm and moved to a place in Grant County where Sophia was born. Then they moved again and on Sept. 7, 1895 along came another little girl that they named Hazel Catherine. In 1896 the children got diphtheria and Flossie died and was buried in the St. Johns cemetery 14 miles east of Huntington, Ind. Robert then took his family and moved to a little log house at the south edge of Fairmount, Ind.

wrong you was born in Robert Hastings house at edge of Fairmount Ind

Russell Louis Commons is the name I got and I was born April 5, 1899, in this little log house belonging to R. E. Hastings. We didn't live there long, for dad moved to Leechburg where Rebecca Elfreda was born Mar. 15, 1901. Our next move was to Fowlerton where Gladys Irene was born on Sept. 3, 1903. Then mother got some money from home when her folks died, and dad took part of that and bought a nice frame house in the south part of Fairmount. I was a little over four years old when we moved there and the earliest recollection I have was shortly after that. It was in the winter time and a nice snow was on the ground. The telephone company had been digging holes for new poles along our place and of course the holes were covered with snow. My two older sisters took the sled and started uptown and I tried to follow them and fell in one of the holes. There I was with just my head sticking out and no one could hear me crying. After some time when I was almost frozen, a couple men came along in a buggy and saw me. They pulled me out and took me in the house and after I got warmed up I was alright. All this time though the folks were not satisfied and were constantly looking for some other place. Then in 1904 dad got a chance to trade our nice house for a 20 acre tract with a two room log house on it, located in the southern part of the state in Scott County. Well they traded and we moved down there amongst the hills. From the very first things were bad. The ground was too poor to raise anything and there was no work. We had a horse and a cow which they hitched together to pull wood up to the wood pile. Someone poisoned the horse and he died and the cow wasn't much good. I remember that dad and mother got out that winter and cut wood at fifty cents a cord to get food to feed the children. That was a mighty hard time for them and the next summer the stork got ready to fly over again. When he came

this time, I guess he had been there so often that his legs were worn down till they thought he was a duck. Anyway I woke up and heard the babies crying and asked Dad what it was. He told me it was some little pigs and to go back to sleep. The twins were born July 23rd, 1906 and when they told Sophia and Hazel about them Sophia said, "I'll kill that blamed girl." I guess she thought we had enough already, especially as hard up as we were then. Claude was born dead, but Dad had already had so much experience that he knew what to do and soon had him breathing again. Maude was the strongest one and got along the best. That fall Grandmother Commons came down to visit us, and when she saw how hard up we were she gave Dad money to move to Huntington, Ind. There he got a job in the Erie Railroad shops and rented a house near by. There were so many rats there it was pitiful. I would go out on the back porch and turn a bucket upside down on a pot lid and prop the bucket up with a stick with a long string on it, put some bread under the bucket and sit and wait till a rat came then jerk the stick out and have one big rat less. Also to earn some pocket money I would go to the railroad shops dump and pick up junk to sell. I started to school at Tipton St. school and later went to State St. school. Then Sophia got the Smallpox and we were quarantined in. When Ernest came home and found out, he jumped quarantine and ran away. He was afraid he would get in trouble so he changed his name to Jesse Johnson and joined the army. He served several years and helped run down Pancho Villa. The rest of us were all vaccinated and they put a guard over the house. We were shut up there for several months and the county took care of us till Sophia was well again. Then in 1909 Grandmother Commons died and left us her little farm so we moved out there. There is where we lived while I got most of my schooling, and that is where I always regarded as home. We only had 7 acres but mother was a hard worker and a good manager and canned up everything she could, so we usually had a little to eat.

Dad would get a job in a railroad shop some place and help out some that way. Also he knew how to repair stoves and for several years did that kind of work. He drove a horse and buggy around over the country hunting that sort of work and made quite a lot of money but it never seemed to be enough for we were always hard up and never had enough food and clothing. Sophia got a job helping care for an invalid lady and most of her money went to Dad. Then she met Byron Blough and married him. He had a good job in the railroad shops in Huntington, Ind and worked till the shops closed down. Later they moved to Ft. Wayne where he worked for the General Electric.

Meanwhile mother got sick and partly lost her mind. She would usually have spells once a month lasting about a week when she didn't know what she was doing. At last she got so bad that Dad had her sent to the Epileptic Hospital at Richmond, Ind. We tried to keep the home together but it seemed to be too much of a job and soon we were all scattered.

Hazel also got a job and worked her way through high school and got a teachers certificate. She taught school for several years and when mother was sent away, took care of [illegible] Gladys till she was old enough to leave and get married. About that time Hazel met a fine young man named Earl McFarland and they were married and went to Indianapolis to live. There she worked in an office for many years. Earl did landscaping there and did real well. Rebecca married a man by the name of Frank Craig and moved into the old home place where they lived for some time. Maude went to live with some folks north of Marion and finished her high school there. She then went to work in the Methodist Hospital in Ft. Wayne where she met Leonard Swank and married him. In about a year a little baby girl came along and Maude died. Hazel took the baby and raised her till she grew up and got married. Claude always thought a lot of Dad and went to Fairmount with him and stayed while Dad went to fix stoves. While there Dad went to the Wesleyian Methodist church and got saved. He was a different man entirely and quit all of his bad habits. However he did leave the taxes go delinquent on the home place. I got a job in the railroad shops in Huntington and worked there about 2 years boarding with Sophia during that time. I had a good job and got along fine but there was one thing I had not learned

yet. I would lay off work some times without asking to be off and no business will stand for that long. Then the home place sold for taxes, so Byron and I bought it in. In 1917 I lost my job at the railroad shop because of laying off work so much. That was during World War I and you could get a new job most any day. I got a job at the Novelty works there and while there bought a $50 Liberty bond and then got let out for the same reason as before. Then I went to Fairmount and worked with Dad repairing stoves. We made good money part of the time but there were lots of times when we were broke and no work Dad got sick and had to go to Indianapolis for a cancer operation. He was there about 3 months that summer and I had to take care of Claude and keep him in school. I got out and found stove jobs to do and on Sat's Claude would help me. Claude always got along well in his studies and the teachers all liked him. That summer an old maid school teacher took him home with her and they got along so well that she sent him on through high school and college. With her help he got his first school and liked the work so well that he made teaching his career. He got married and moved to Elwood, Ind. where he now holds a responsible job in the Elwood public schools. MARY

When Dad came back from the hospital I helped him till he was strong again and then left and went to Anderson and got a job in the Remy Electric. I liked the work and got along so well that I got 2 raises. I was there over a year and my feet got itchy again and so I got on the train with a friend and went to Mt. Vernon, Ohio. We tried to get work in a glass factory there but I didn't have any luck. I got short of money and had to sell my Liberty bond. It wasn't long till that was almost gone, so I went to the County Agriculture agent and asked him for the names of some farmers who might need help. He gave me about ten names and the very first one I called I got a job. That was the Tulloss Sisters who lived eight miles south of Mt. Vernon. They were two old maids, Carry, 58 years old, and Cynthia, 60 years old. They had 175 A. and no one to help them. I had plenty to do but didn't mind that so much as not knowing anyone. I went to church some and finally got acquainted with a girl in Mt. Vernon. She was a big, fat, red headed girl named Ethel Brinning. Her folks were English. This was in 1919 and I guess shewas the first girl I ever went with. The Tulloss girls let me drive their horse. She sure was a dandy. She had 3 white feet and a blazed face and all the rest was black and we called her Trixie. She was double gaited and sure could run. Well I was still lonesome and homesick too, I guess, so one day while I was reading in the Blue Valley Creamery Bulletin which they took, I saw several letters that girls had written in. I picked out three that I liked the sound of and wrote to them. Gladys Abild at Clearwater, Mo., Hazel Carlson at Norwalk, Mich., and Norva Lynch at Sylvia, Kans. They all wrote back and we all wrote for a little while but finally I quit writing to all except Norva. She could sure write good letters, and we both enjoyed our correspondence very much. Norva and I started writing about April 5, 1919 and we corresponded and sent pictures back and forth till Oct. when she was going to school at the Nazarene Bible School in Hutchinson, Kans. Then her folks wanted her to quit writing and pay more attention to her books. So like a dutiful little girl she wrote me and said "Good-by" forever. I went back home to Ind. in May and worked at the Remy Electric till in Sept. 1919. Then the Tulloss sisters wanted me to come back to Ohio and work for them again so I went back and helped them out. They had a shell-shocked soldier boy whom they had raised and I had to watch him and see that he didn't get into any mischief. Well he finally ran away from home and later committed suicide. I stayed there till the next winter and then went back home to Ind. I helped Dad fix stoves for a while till his cancer returned again and he got sick so then I took him back to the old home place where he lived until his death Nov. 9, 1924.

LOUIS-

All this time I was writing to Norva's mother and was going with Edna Snowden, whom I had gotten acquainted with while fixing stoves. She was a good Christian girl and a farmer's daughter who sure knew how to cook. We had lots of good times together and went quite a lot too, but finally decided to split up. Then in Dec. 1925, I took my old

model T touring car and lit out for Kansas to see that girl to whom I had been writing so long. Well I got there just before Christmas and since she wanted to go to a friend's home in Okla. for the holidays I took her down there. I was there a few days after Christmas then thought I had better get back to Hutchinson and hunt a job so I left her there and went back to her folks. They came right out and told me that Norva didn't care anything about me and said she wouldn't come home until I left, so the next morning on New Year's day 1926 I left there and drove down to Columbus, Kansas and got a job on a farm near Elk Falls for Grover Chambers. He had been an oil man and was pretty rough and did a lot of swearing which I just couldn't take, so although I was getting $40.00 per month, I quit him and got a job with another farmer near Hallowell, Kansas. He was a good man to work for and was assessor of the county so was gone most of the time. He just told me what he wanted done and I did it. I stayed there and planted his oats and also his corn then went back to Ind. My brother-in-law Earl gave me work landscape gardening and I helped him till fall. Then I started fixing stoves again and Edna Snowden and I were married, and went to Rossville to live. Well work didn't show up like I expected so I again went to the farm and got a job with Locke Cook, one of the best men I have ever known. He gave us a little 4 room house, fuel, chicken feed, milk, 400 lbs. of meat and $10 a week. He was sure one white man to work for. I helped him with harvest that fall and did chores that winter and in the spring of 1927 we plowed and got our oats planted and the corn ground ready. On May 6, the stork came along and left us a lovely little baby girl. We named her Vesta Jane and sure were pleased. But the doctor neglected his duty and infection set in and on May 8th Edna died and left me with the baby to raise. Cooks were sure good to me and helped me out all they could. My sister Gladys came and stayed with us about 4 months then left. I then took Vesta to some friends at Alexandria, Jesse Richman and his wife Etha. I stayed with Mr. Cook till the corn was gathered then went to Alexandria and got a job and boarded with Richmans. Etha got sick and had to go to the hospital so then I took Vesta to her grandparents, the Snowdens. Also I had started writing to Norva again and had sent her pictures of my baby. From the very first she wanted that baby so bad that she was willing to take the man to get the child. So I went to Kansas the last of June 1928 and the first day of Aug. we were married and went back to Ind. to get Vesta. We had a right nice trip and got back to Nickerson about the 10th. In Oct. I got a job at the Colladay Hardware Co. in Hutchinson starting at $18 a week. We rented a little 4 room house at 417 East 2nd St. and got what furniture we had to have. Then May 16th along came our baby boy Donald Lee. He was a husky youngster from the very start and grew like a weed. I got a raise in wages and got my bills caught up then Vesta took sick with appendicitis and had to be operated on. That set us back quite a lot but Vesta was alright and that is what we wanted. Then again on May 16th, 1930, the stork came along and left a little girl this time. She was fine baby and we named her Metta Marie. From the very first she was strong and hearty and ate like a pig. When she was 3 months old she weighed 17 lbs. and gained accordingly ever since. On the 16th of Sept., I received word that mother was very low, so the next day I took Vesta and started for Ind. I arrived there on Fri. the 19th just too late to see mother alive again. Well Mother was buried in St. Johns cemetery on Sept. 21st and her life of toil and hardship was ended. I received a letter from mother written just 2 or 3 days before her death and I am convinced from what she said that she had made her peace with God and was ready to go.

I visited my relatives and then went back to Kansas, reaching there 12 days after I had left. Work continued about the same and we stayed in the same house we started out in. Then along came the depression and, on Aug. 1, 1932, I along with three others lost our jobs. However, we had known for about a month what was going to happen. So, Norva started hunting for laundries and uniforms to do. By the first of August, she was making $15 per week, and then when I did lose my job I made me an ironing board and learned how to iron. Well, it was hard work but we kept at it and got so much to do that we had to hire help and rent a larger house. We moved to 725 East First and did so well there that when we got a chance to buy our property at 515 East 7th, we were not afraid to do it and the first of Aug. 1934 we moved into our own home. That was

quite a thrill for us and we determined to pay off our mortgage just as soon as we possibly could. Accordingly, we lit in and worked up our laundry business by doing good work and working early and late. We did so well that in June 1936 we took a little vacation and went back to Ind. to see my folks. We had a lovely time and visited the folks there then went to Chicago, saw the sights there and came back home by the way of Keokuk, Iowa where we saw the big dam across the Miss. R. then we went to Centerville, Iowa where we had a very nice time with Norva's cousin Della White. We got back home after being gone almost 25 days and things were sure in a mess. The woman whom we had left in charge of the work while we were gone had taken care of the work all right, but instead of keeping the bills paid up as they were supposed to they just pocketed the money they had taken in and left most of the bills go. Luckily I had a little money left and was able to pay up enough till we could earn some and get things to going again. That was sure an expensive lesson for us and one that I don't think will have to be repeated. Our work kept coming in and we made enough profit that in June 1939 we finished paying for our home and now had a place we could really call our own. A short time later we got a chance to buy the house next door west of us, so started in paying for that. We never had any trouble keeping this rented and thus with the rent money and other cash that we could spare, we soon had that paid for too. Then, during World War II, when prices went up, we sold it and made a good profit. In 1942 I thought it the patriotic thing to do for me to get a job in one of the factories and help out that way. So, on May the 29th, 1942, I started working for Morton Salt Co. I worked as a common laborer for about a year and then was promoted to butter salt operator. This was quite a responsible job and I liked it very much. About that time we had a revival at the Nazarene Church where we had been going all these years. I got Saved and Sanctified and the Lord really blessed me. I was working nights on the butter salt unit at that time and the Lord was very near to me. Amongst other things he gave me some songs that I wrote, and the two which I got the most blessing from I will include with this.

On Dec. 4, 1945, we had a baby boy whom we named Robert Louis; but he was born dead so we didn't have the pleasure of watching him grow up. Then in 1946 our son Donald upset the car with several other young folks in it. One was pretty badly hurt but finally got alright again. From that time on though, the police watched him so close and made it so hard on him, that finally he decided to leave town. In Aug. 1947 he joined the U.S. Air Force and took his boot training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He has now been in thirteen years and has done remarkably well. He has served in the Marshell Islands, Japan, Korea, Hawaii, and is now married and a First Lieutenant stationed at Boling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

In 1949, my father-in-law had a stroke and wasn't able to take care of his place in Nickerson, so they sold their home there and we took our savings and together bought a nice 7 room modern house with an acre of ground, in the north part of Hutchinson for us all to live in. My father-in-law only lived about a year after moving into town. Then because we couldn't get along with Norva's mother, we finally deeded her our place on east 7th street for her interest in the place in which we were living. She moved over there in 1950 and that made it much better, for we had learned that no house is big enough for two families. In the meantime, I had changed jobs at Mortons and was now plant watchman, also Norva continued with her laundry work and I had been helping her in my spare time. Each Summer we would take a little vacation and go see some of the beauties of God's creation. We went to see those beautiful snow capped mountains and other sights at Colorado Springs, Colo., and even drove up Pikes Peak. Then later we went to Niagra Falls and saw that wonderful sight. The Black Hills and Yellowstone Park were also one of our trips, and then in July 1956 we sold our big place in the north end of town because it was too big for the two of us and too much work to take care of. Then we bought our present home, which is a 4 room modern house with a finished basement and attached garage.

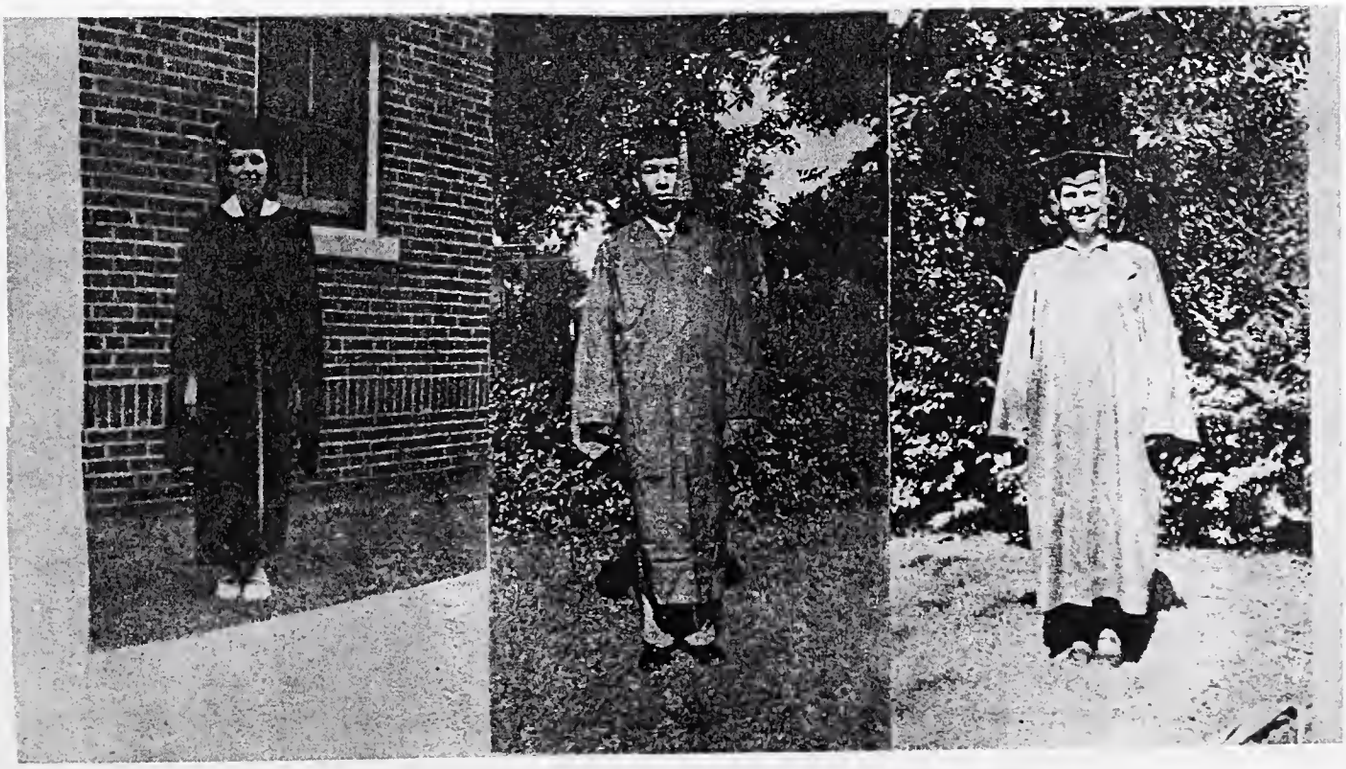
When Donald and his wife were stationed in Hawaii in 1957, we flew over there while I was recovering from a hernia repair. We were there two weeks and then flew back to California, where we visited friends and relatives for three more weeks before coming home. That was a trip we will always remember.

In October 1958, we went to Indiana to see our frinds and relatives there again. While there I wrecked our car, a 1955 Olds 98 4-door sedan. Well, I wasn't hurt much but the car was a total loss and we had to come home on the train. However, the insurance company paid off very liberally and we were able to buy a 1956 Olds 88 4-door sedan that was in better shape for less money than we got out of the other car. Truly we feel that the Lord has been watching over us and helping us all these years and we have faith that He will be with us to the end.

It is with regret that I bring this part of our family history to a close: but this is not the end, for a family's history goes on and on, until the last member has gone to his reward. So it is my sincerest hope that in the years which are to come, some other member of our family will continue this which I have begun.

Louis Commons

Louis & Norva Commons with
Metta, Vesta and Donald 1931



Vesta 1951 Donald 1947 Metta 1948

JESUS IS THERE

In all the world wherever men be
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.
On land, in the air, or the depths of the sea,
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.
There, when storm clouds around us doth roll,
There to speak comfort and peace to our soul,
There that the broken heart might be made whole,
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.

In all our trials, our heartaches and grief,
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.
Giving, who comes to Him, blessed relief,
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.
There, when sinners revile and deny,
There to hold steady and help testify,
There always ready our needs to supply,
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.

And then at the last, when this life is o'er,
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.
Bearing us safe to eternity's shore.
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.
There with the Father beside the white throne,
There interceding and claiming His own,
There He will greet us and welcome us home,
Jesus is there -- Jesus is there.

---Russell Louis Commons.

Louis Commons

Jesus Is There

Arr. by Betty Street

Louis Commons

1. In all the wor-ld where ev--er men be, Jes--us is there
2. In all our sad-ness, our heartaches and grief,
3. And then, at the last when this life is o'er
Jes--us is there. On land in the air or the depths of the sea
Giv - ing, who comes to Him, blessed re-- lief
Bearing us safe to e -ter --ni --ty's shore
Jes -us is there, Jes -us is there. There when the storm clouds a-round us doth
There when sin -ers re -vile and de-
There with the Father be -side the white
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bro --ken heart might be made whole Jes - us is there, Jes -us is there.
ready our needs to sup - ply,
greet us and wel -come us home,

HE IS MINE

I am happy now I know that Jesus found me,
Resting safely with His loving arms around me,
This is why I shout and sing,
I'm a joint heir with the king,
Blessed peace and joy He brings,
O: Praise His name.

All those years of doubt and fear are now behind me,
Only happiness with Christ my Lord before me,
Every talent now I'll bring,
Glory honor to my King,
Now my heart with joybells ring,
O: Praise His name.

Now I understand anew, the wonderous story,
Why my blessed Savior came to earth from glory,
Why He died upon the tree,
Shed His blood for you and me,
From our sins to set us free,
O: Praise His name.

Chorus:
Hallelujah, He is mine,
And I'm His, now for all time;
If I trust Him and obey,
He will lead me all the way,
I am His and He is mine,
O: Praise His name.

--- Russell Louis Commons.

He Is Mine

Louis Commons

Arr. by Betty Street

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1. I am hap-py now I know that Jesus found me, Rest-ing safely with His lov-
2. All those years of doubt and fear are now behind me On-ly hap--pi- ness with Christ
3. Now I un- der-stand a-new the wonderous stor-y. Why my Bless-ed Sav-ior came
ing arms a - round me; This is why I shout and sing, I'm a joint heir with the King
my Lord be - fore me; Every tal-ent now I'll bring, Glory, honor to my King,
to earth from glo-ry; Why He died up-on the tree, Shed His blood for you and me,
bless-ed joy and peace He brings O praise His name. Hal-le- lu —— jah He is
Now my heart with joy-bells ring O praise His name.
From our sins to set us free O praise His name.
mine. And I'm His now for all the time. If I trust Him and o - bey, He will
lead me all the way, I am His and He is mine O praise His name

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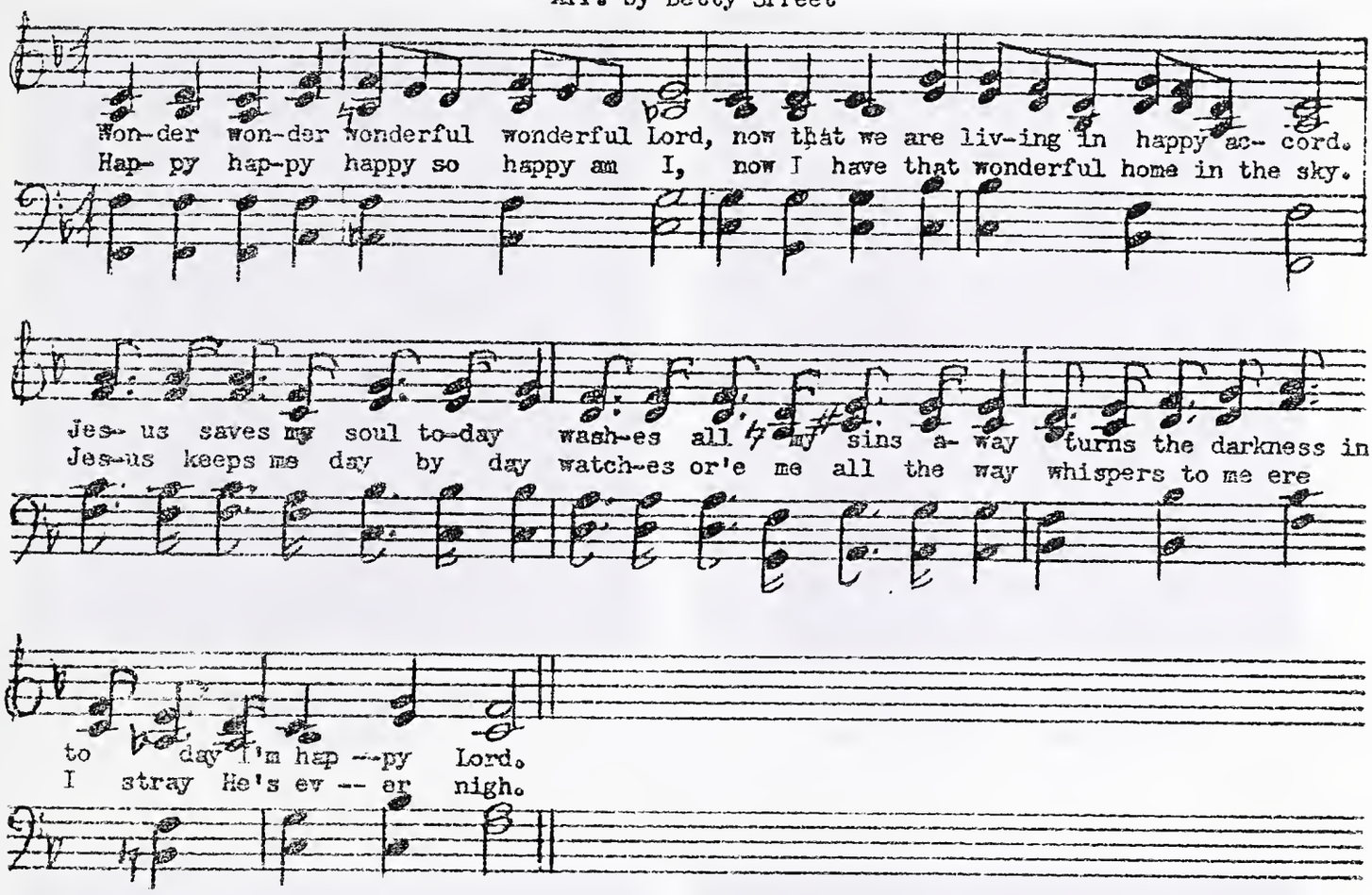
The Wonder Chorus

Arr. by Betty Srreet

Louis Commons


Won-der won-der wonderful wonderful Lord, now that we are liv-ing in happy ac- cord.
Hap- py hap-py happy so happy am I, now I have that wonderful home in the sky.
Jes- us saves my soul to-day wash-es all my sins a- way turns the darkness in
Jes-us keeps me day by day watch-es or'e me all the way whispers to me ere
to day I'm hap -py Lord.
I stray He's ev -- er nigh.

Louis & Norva Commons
May 1960

Donald & Patricia Commons
Ann Marie May 1960

Rodney & Metta Marie Wade
Larry & Martin May 1960

Ernest & Vesta Jane Walden
Allen, Janet & Judy May 1960

LINEAGE OF THE COMMONS FAMILY

William Commons, Born 1723 County Kerry Ireland, Died 1795. Chester Co., Pa.
Sarah Scarlett Born in Ireland, 1725, Died, 1800, Chester Co., Pa.
Married 1747 in Ireland. Emigrated to America 1749. Parents of 5 boys.
Parents of 5 boys:
1 - Robert; 2 - John; 3 - William, Jr.; 4 - Elisha; 5 - Joseph.

#1 Robert Commons - Born, County Kerry, Ireland, 1748, Died Dec. 19, 1837.
Ruth Hayes - Married 1770 and moved to Cane Creek, N.C., then to West Va. and later to a farm in Wayne Co., Ind., Union Township.
Parents of 9 children - Lydia, Phoebe, Isaac, William, John, Ezekiel, Hannah, Nathan, David.

#2 John Commons - Born 1750, Chester Co., Pa. Died 1790, N.C., typhoid fever.
Sarah Dixon - Married 1779 and moved to Randolph Co., N.C. Died 1790.
Parents of 2 children:
1 - Isaac Commons, married and moved to Wayne Co., Ind.
2 - Mary Commons, born 1787, Randolph Co., N.C.
Died Feb. 15, 1851, Hamilton Co., Ind.
Mother of 1 child, named after his grandfather.

1 - John Commons - Born May 11, 1811, Randolph Co., N.C.
Died - Aug. 21, 1868, Hamilton Co. ind.
Burried in Pioneer Cemetery, 3 mi. south of Lapel, Ind.
Rachael Clark - Born Mar. 13, 1812, Randolph, Co., N.C.
Died Aug. 17, 1870, Hamilton Co., Ind.
Daughter of Samuel and Mary Bratton-Clark.
Married, Jan. 12, 1832 by Rev. Franklin Harris.
Parents of 7 children.

1 Madison Kidd Commons - Born Oct. 10, 1832, Randolph Co., N. C.
Served in the union Army and was furloughed home for sickness.
Died Jan. 11, 1862, Hamilton Co., N.C. Unmarried.

2 Mary Frances Commons - Born Sept. 11, 1834, Randolph Co., N.C. Died June 21, 1868
James Lund.
Married Mar. 19, 1857.
Parents of 2 children.
1 - Magdalene Lund -- Died in infancy.
2 - Samantha Jane Lund -- Married John Bicer.

3 Robert Bratton Commons - Born Mar. 4, 1837, Hamilton Co., Ind.
Served in Union Army under Gen. Rosencrans and was drowned while swimming in the Tennessee River at Chattanooga, Sept. 1, 1863. Burried in Shiloh Military Cemetery.
Rebecca Crismore - Born Mar. 4, 1835, Wells Co., Ind.
Married - Mar. 7, 1858.
Parents of 3 children.
1 - William Alpheous Commons - Born Jan. 21, 1859, Died Dec. 8, 1862.

2 - **Nancy Jane** Commons - Born Aug. 23, 1860, Died Dec. 16, 1916
Rev. Thos. E. Kinnaman, Born Apr. 30, 1858, Died Apr. 12, 1925.
Parents of 1 child.
(1) **Oscar** Kinnaman - Born Dec. 28, 1884, Died Apr. 24, 1942.
Myrtle wife - Born Sept. 8, 1888.
No children

3 - **Robert Mahlon** Commons - Born Aug. 25 1862. Died - Nov. 9, 1924.
Hortense Pauline Warner - Born Sept 18 1868. Died - Sept. 19, 1930
Daughter of Louis Warner and Catherine Elizabeth Stitz-Warner.
Married Oct. 31, 1887 at Markle, Ind.
Parents of 9 children.
(1) **Flossie** Ethel Commons - Born Aug. 8. 1888. Died 1896 - **Diphtheria.**
(2) **Ernest** Floyd Commons - Born Feb. 26 1891
Left home at age 17 and joined the army, for about 3 years. Later went to California and has not been heard from for about 40 years. While in the army was the father of one child, Robert Owen Kuppig - Born Jan. 11, 1913 at Omaha, Nebr. now living in Calif. Mother was Ada Kuppig who later married O. E. Zuber.
Addie Howenstine - wife; no children. Died of T.B. 1925.

(3) **Sophia** Opal Commons - Born Mar. 27, 1893.
Byron Blaugh - Born Aug. 21, 1892.
Married - Dec. 24, 1913.
Parents of 7 children.
#1 Helen Beatrice Blaugh - Born May 26, 1916.
Robert Atlinger - Born Aug. 26
Married - Aug. 26, 1946.
No children.
#2 Justine Stella Blaugh - Born Dec. 8, 1917.
John D. Noyer - Born Jan. 8, 1908.
Married - Oct. 11, 1947.
Parents of 2 children.
1 Martha Jane Noyer - Born May 27, 1949.
2 John Delbert Noyer -Born Nov. 23, 1954. Died Nov. 23, 1954.
#3 Howard G. Blaugh - Born May 11, 1919.
Evelyn Weaver from Huntington, Ind.
Married - Dec. 7, 1944 at Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Parents of one child.
1 James Edward Blaugh - Born Feb. 27, 1946.
Divorced April 28, 1953 at Inglewood, Calif.
Mary Margaret Boos from Troy, Kans. - 2nd wife.
Married Aug. 9, 1953 in Inglewood, Calif.
Parents of 3 children.
1 Paul Gregory Blaugh - Born Sept. 22, 1954.
2 David Howard Blaugh- Born Sept. 27, 1956.
3 Nancy Lee Blaugh - Born July 1, 1958.
#4 Gerald Bernard Blaugh - Born July 4, 1921.
Annabelle Johnson - Born May 30, 1920.
Married - June 20, 1946.
Parents of one child.
1 Diana Marie Blaugh - Born Mar. 23, 1947.

#5 Hilda Viola Blaugh - Born July 13, 1922.
Robert Hampton - Born 12-24-1921
Married - Dec. 2, 1943.
Divorced - Nov. 1950.
No children.
Clinton Hicks - Born 2nd husband.
Married - Oct. 1956.
Divorced - July 16, 1959
No children.
#6 Artista Philine Blaugh - Born June 9, 1924.
Henry Edward Hartzheim - Born June 15, 1912.
Married - Nov. 9, 1946.
Parents of 4 children. 5 as of Feb 28, 1963. Rosalie Ann -
1 Sharon Louise Hartzheim - Born Oct. 7, 1947
2 Edward Allen Hartzheim - Born Jan. 22, 1949.
3 Janice Marlene Hartzheim - Born Dec. 21, 1951.
4 Pamela Jean Hartzheim - Born & Died July 26, 1959.
#7 Kenneth Lowell Blaugh - Born Oct. 28, 1926.
Sallie Jo Biglow - Born June 26, 1925.
Married - Mar. 20, 1954
Parents of 2 children. 3 at this time Gregory Lowell Blaugh
1 Jeffery Lynne Blaugh - Born Aug. 27, 1955.
2 James Lee Blaugh - Born Feb. 19, 1957.

(4) Hazel Catherine Commons - Born Sept. 7, 1895.
Francis Earl McFarland -Born July 4, 1889, Randolph Co., Ind.
Married - June 1, 1921
No children.

(5) Russell Louis Commons -Born April 5, 1899, Fairmount, Ind.
Edna Dalila Chloe Snowden -Bron Aug. 27, 1907, Died May 8, 1927.
Married - Oct. 2, 1926, Huntington, Ind.
Parents of one child.
#1 Vesta Jane Commons - Born May 6, 1927.
Ernest Jospeh Walden - Born Mar. 31, 1929.
Married - Aug. 21, 1951
Parents of 3 children.
1 Allen Dale Walden - Born Oct. 2, 1952
2 Janet Ruth Walden - Born Aug. 18, 1954
3 Judy Arlene Walden - Born Aug. 25, 1956
Norva Lamella Lynch - Born Oct. 17, 1904, Rooks Co., Kansas
Married - Aug. 1, 1928, Nickerson, Kas. (2nd wife)
Parents of 3 children.
#1 Donald Lee Commons - Born May 16, 1929, Hutchinson, Kansas
Patricia Junice Sartell - Born Oct. 19, 1931, Minnesota.
Married - Oct. 17, 1952, Episcopalian Church, Okla. City.
Parents of one child
1 Ann Marie Commons - Born July 1, 1959, Washington, D.C.
#2 Metta Marie Commons - Born May 16, 1930, Hutchinson, Kansas
Laverne A. Darling - Born May 21, 1926, Kansas City, Kans.
Married - June 1, 1947, Hutchinson, Kansas
Parents of 2 children.

1 Patricia Lynn Darling - Born & died Oct. 11, 1948.
2 Larry Wayne Darling - Wade Born Feb. 8, 1950, Okla. City.
Divorced - May 16, 1950 in Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rodney Forrest Wade - Born Sept. 26, 1927 (2nd husband). Married in her parents home, Hutchinson, Kans. JAN 9 1953
Parents of one child
1 Martin Joseph Wade - Born Nov. 4, 1959, Corbin, Ky.

#3 Robert Louis Commons - Still born Dec. 4, 1945.

(6) Rebecca Elfreda Commons - Born Mar. 15, 1901.
Frank Craig - Born Feb. 9, 1875
Married 1917 Divorced - 1936.
Parents of five children.
#1 Garland (Jerry) Craig - Born Aug. 21, 1917.
Darlene Gray
Married - Sept. 11, 1941 Divorced - 1944.
Parents of one child.
1 Donald Craig - Born Oct. 31, 1943.
Grace Weist - Born Jan. 28, 1925 (2nd wife)
Married - April 7, 1945.
Parents of three children.
1 Ralph Craig - Born May 20, 1944 (adopted)
2 Jerry Lee Craig - Born Nov. 15, 1945.
3 Jacke Allen Craig - Born Oct. 1953. DIVORCED June 9-1960

#2 Garnet Evelyn Craig - Born Sept. 20, 1920
Kenneth Pepple - Born April 21, 1920
Married - Dec. 22, 1939.
Parents of two children.
1 Joyce Marie Pepple - Born Nov. 20, 1942.
2 Pauline Sue Pepple - Born Oct. 9, 1949.

#3 Martha Edna Craig - Born Feb. 22, 1923.
Jene Calamoneri
Married 1945 Divorced 1945.
Parents of one child
1 Michaele Jene Calamoneri - Born Aug. 25, 1945
Adopted out 1954.
C. L. Burke
Married - July 22, 1949 (2nd husband) Divorced 1955
Parents of two children
1 Barbara Bernice Burke - Born Oct. 24, 1950
2 Robert Louis Burke - Born Oct. 20, 1952
James Alvin Pope - Born June 23, 1929 (3rd husband)
Married - Aug 8, 1955.
Parents of two children.
1 Janis Merline Pope - Born June 2, 1956
2 David Alvin Pope - Born Sept. 3, 1958

#4 Mildred Louise Craig - Born July 18, 1925.
Charles Hazeltine - Born Oct. 18, 1924.
Married - Aug. 17, 1946.
Parents of three children.
1 Stephen David Hazeltine - Born Mar. 1, 1947
2 Ellan Louise Hazeltine - Born Sept 14, 1948
3 Charles Dennis Hazeltine - Born July 14, 1950

#5 George Edward Craig - Born Feb. 16, 1928. Unmarried.

John Revert (Second husband) Married 1937. Died June 1941.

Stanley Koon (husband) Married July 2, 1942. Died Aug. 1948.

(7) Gladys Irene Commons - Born Sept 3, 1903.
Raymond Green - Born May 22, 1890. Died Feb. 21, 1927.
Parents of one child.
#1 Fred Wilbur Green -Born Feb. 5, 1923. Died July 26, 1946.

William Hill - Born Aug. 14, 1884. Died 1949. (2nd husband).
Married - Sept. 12, 1927. Divorced 1943.
Parents of two children.
#1 Maxine Hill - Born Feb. 12, 1934.
William Cox - Born
Married 1952.
Parents of ~~two~~ 3 children.
1 Laura Lee Cox - Born Sept. 9, 1952
2 Nancy Ann Cox - Born Dec. 17, 1953 → WM EARL COX JUNE 24-1960
#2 Richard Earl Hill - Born Mar. 19, 1941.

Arthur Crampton - Born Jan. 31, 1902. (3rd husband).
Married - April 1, 1945.
No children.

(8) Maude Effie Commons - Born - July 23, 1906. Died Jan. 30, 1927.
Leonard Swank - Born Oct. 7, 1892.
Married - Jan. 2, 1926.
Parents of one child.
#1 Betty Jean Swank - Born Jan. 30, 1927.
James Logan Born Dec. 30, 1926.
Married - June 22, 1945.
Parents of 4 children.
1 James Stephen Logan - Born Dec. 2, 1947.
2 Jonathan Earl Logan - Born Mar. 23, 1950.
3 Janet Sue Logan - Born Sept. 16, 1953.
4 Jerry Allen Logan - Born Oct. 20, 1955.

(9) Claude Charles lCommons - Born July 23, 1906, Scott Co., Ind.
Mary Ellen Seward - Born Dec. 29, 1918.
Married - June 7, 1937.
Parents of two children.
#1 Michael Lee Commons - Born Oct. 17, 1941.
#2 Connie Coleen Commons - Born Sept. 19, 1946.

4 Sarah Jane Commons -Born Mar. 17, 1839, Hamilton Co., Ind. - Died July 4, 1921.
Isaac Alfrey - Born Feb. 15, 1860. Died Oct. 1, 1905.
Married - Mar. 27, 1857.
Parents of 3 children.
1 Mary Elizabeth Alfrey - Born Sept. 17, 1858.
Joseph Lackey (brother to George).
Parents of one child.
(1) Earl Lackey
Ethel Burke.

2 Martha Lizetta Alfrey - Born Jan. 24, 1862. Died June 6, 1947.
George Lackey - Born Jan. 20, 1850. Died July 28, 1888.
Married - Mar. 17, 1878
Parents of three children.

(1) Maude Lackey - Born Jan. 20, 1879.
Newton Beaver.
Parents of eleven children.

#1 Opal Francis Beaver - Born Sept. 2, 1898. Died Feb. 1905.

#2 Glenn Beaver - Born June 28, 1900.
Lillian Peirce. Born
Married - Dec. 24, 1920.

#3 Neva Elva Beaver - Born June 10, 1902.
Nonan Sleeth - Born
Married - June 11, 1921.

#4 Crystal Hortense Beaver - Born Feb. 1, 1905.
Hugh Owens (First husband)
Raymond Fiest (second husband)

#5 Kenneth Rice Beaver - Born Mar. 6, 1907. Died June 10, 1910.

#6 Vern Beaver - Born Dec. 10, 1911.

#7 Roland Beaver - Born Mar. 7, 1913.
Marie Kinnaman - Born

#8 Katherine Marie Beaver - Born Aug. 1917.
Beecher Davis - Born

#9 Martha Louise Beaver - Born Aug. 1917
Ens Wessinger. Born

#10 Sarah Jane Beaver - Born Aug. 4, 1919.
Richard Beems - Born

#11 Lorus Edward Beaver - Born Sept. 15, 1921. Died Mar. 12, 1949.

(2) William Lackey - Born Dec. 1, 1880. Died Aug. 1916.
Martha Hare.

(3) Hazel Lackey - Born July 1, 1888.
John Boop - Born Mar. 25, 1873. Died Mar. 16, 1958.
Married - April 15, 1892.
Parents of 4 children.

#1 Virgil Samuel Boop - Born Sept. 29, 1903. Died May 8, 1943.
Ethel Henry
Parents of four children.

#2 Mary Margaret Boop - Born Mar. 9, 1905.
Harry Nicholson - Born June 10, 1909.
Parents of three children.

#3 George Martin Boop - Born Nov. 10, 1907.
Helen Peel
Parents of one child.
1 John M. Boop.

#4 Joseph Edward Boop - Born May 16, 1912.
Elnora Martin
Parents of two children.

Samuel Fausett - Born May 7, 1855. Died Mar. 23, 1938. (2nd husband).
Married
Parents of two children.

(1) Clifford Fausett - Born Feb. 1894. Died in infancy.

(2) Ray Fausett - Born July 9, 1895. McCordsville, Ind.
Esther Thacker - Born June 15, 1902.
Married - Feb. 28, 1921

(3) Howard Augustus Buchanan - Born June 1, 1911
Catherine Jean Virton - Born July 22, 1912. Died - Feb. 28, 1958.
Married - April 1924.
Parents of three children.
#1 Howard James Buchanan - Born Jan. 12, 1935.
Beverly Mae Auch - Born Sept. 17, 1937.
Married - June 6, 1959.

#2 Dennis Alan Buchanan - Born July 10, 1938.
Loretta Kazlosky - Born Dec. 10, 1938.
Married - July 10, 1957.
Parents of 2 children.
1 Daniel Alan Buchanan - Born May 23, 1958.
2 Peggy Sue Buchanan - June 30, 1959.

#3 Bruce Michael Buchanan - Born Aug. 7, 1948.

4 Sarah Wilhelmina Commons - Born Mar. 29, 1884.
Charles Edward Buchanan - Born Mar. 19, 1883. Brother to Augustus.
Married - Feb. 17, 1908
Parents of one child.
(1) Inez Louise Buchanan - Born Aug. 16, 1916.
Russell Arthur Morgan - Born Mar. 31, 1915.
Married - July 1, 1939.
Parents of one child.
#1 Larry Edward Morgan - Born Oct. 18, 1947.

5 Arza Franklin Commons - Born Mar. 5, 1890.
Alpha Lolita Robison - Born Feb. 19, 1895.
Married - 1915
Parents of one child.
(1) Janice Eileen Commons - Born Aug. 17, 1920.
Robert Earl Tuttle - Born Aug. 15, 1919.
Married - Oct. 1939
Parents of two children.
#1 Debra Ann Tuttle - Born July 22, 1951.

#2 Daniel Franklin Tuttle - Born Dec. 27, 1953.

7 Samuel C. Commons - Born Sept. 9, 1849, Hamilton Co., Ind. Died Mar. 8, 1854.

(2) Cont'd.
Parents of 2 children.
#1 Norma Ruth Fausett - Born April 10, 1922.
#2 Louise Fausett - Born July 28, 1923
James Graham - Born July 4, 1925.
Married - Dec. 21, 1948.
Parents of two children.
1 James Eugene Graham - Born June 14, 1949.
2 Sharon Kay Graham - Born Nov. 5, 1954.

3 James Edward Alfrey - Born Dec. 16, 1864. Died Feb. 1918.
Martha Baughner
Parents of two children.
(1) Gladys Alfrey.
(2) Thelma Alfrey.

5 Eliza Ann Commons - Born Oct. 1, 1842, Hamilton Co., Ind. Died Apr. 18, 1847.

6 James Alpheous Commons - Born Oct. 1, 1847, Hamilton Co., Ind. Died May 5, 1906.
Nancy Ann Huntszinger - Born Sept. 5, 1852. Died Jan. 9, 1924.
Married - Feb. 12, 1871.
Parents of five children.

1 Ada Mary Commons - Born June 1, 1873.
James Elmer Stottlemyer - Born Dec. 4, 1869. Died Mar. 11, 1937.
Married - 1893
Parents of 9 children.
(1) Alta J. Stottlemyer - Born Sept. 3, 1894.
Lawrence G. Anderson - Born - July 5, 1892
Married - Oct. 31, 1911.
Parents of four children.
#1 Lillian E. Anderson - Born Feb. 1, 1913.
Earl Roudebush - Born April 18, 1910.
Married - Oct. 29, 1935
Parents of five children.
1 Marcia E. Roudebush - Born Oct. 29, 1936.
William McKown - Born July 26, 1935.
Married - June 24, 1956
Parents of one child.
1 Jane Dee McKown - Born Sept. 5, 1957.
2 Irene Roudebush - Born Aug. 28, 1937.
John Strong - Born Jan. 24, 1936.
Married - Sept. 9, 1956
Parents of one child.
1 Bruce A. Strong - Born Aug. 15, 1957.
3 Marjorie Roudebush - Born April 20, 1939.
Glenn Gimple - Born Mar. 26, 1939.
Married - Jan. 23, 1958.
Parents of one child.
1 Connie Lynn Gimple - Born Oct. 21, 1958.
4 Lawrence E. Roudebush - Born Dec. 5, 1942.
5 Dina Roudebush - Born April 13, 1945.
#2 Gilbert Anderson - Born & Died Mar. 18, 1914.

#3 Alberta M. Anderson - Born May 10, 1915.
Robert D. Anderson - Born Nov. 13, 1918.
Married - Nov. 17, 1939.
Parents of two children.
1 Sally J. Anderson - Born & died Jan. 30, 1942.
2 Philbert Anderson - Born & died Nov. 19, 1943.

#4 Lester Leon Anderson - Born Jan. 26, 1919.
Dortha Mussleman - Born Dec. 27, 1919.
No children.

(2) Sharley A. Stottlemyer - Born Jan. 5, 1897.
Dale Hersberger
Married - Aug. 22, 1916.
Parents of seven children.

#1 Vivian F. Hersberger - Born Feb. 10, 1917
William Williams - Born
Married - Aug. 28, 1937.
Parents of three children.
1 Judith E. Williams - Born May 24, 1941.
2 Barbara A. Williams - Born May 28, 1944.
3 Alan Lee Williams - Born Jan. 31, 1946.

#2 Virginia R. Hersberger - Born Sept. 7, 1918.
Edward Dillia - Born Mar. 22
Married - Oct. 21, 1939.
Parents of one child.
1 Ann C. Dillia - Born Nov. 27, 1946.

#3 Aris Keith Hersberger - Born July 8, 1920.
Bernice Dunn - Born Mar. 2, 1926.
Married - Sept. 14, 1946.
Parents of three children.
1 Dianna K. Hersberger - Born Feb. 17, 1950
2 Bruce Hersberger - Born Aug. 24, 1951
3 Brenda Lee Hersberger - Born June 5, 1953

#4 Kenneth E. Hersberger - Born Feb. 11, 1922.
Betty Amos - Born Oct. 5, 1926
Married - Oct. 22, 1949
Parents of three children.
1 Kenneth Wayne Hersberger - Born & died Sept. 12, 1951.
2 Jeffery S. Hersberger - Born Aug. 9, 1954.
3 David C. Hersberger - Born Jan. 6, 1957.

#5 Dale Hersberger, Jr. - Born Dec. 11, 1925.
Evelyn Shuter - Born April 26
Married - July 12, 1947.
Parents of three children.
1 Rodney M. Hersberger - Born Mar. 3, 1948.
2 Bradley D. Hersberger - Born Dec. 5, 1950.
3 Brian L. Hersberger - Born Mar. 11, 1931.

#6 Jean Ann Hersberger - Born Mar. 11, 1931.
John C. Henley - Born
Married - Aug. 10, 1952.
Parents of two children.
1 Douglas A. Henley - Born July 19, 1953.
2 Linda Ann Henley - Born Mar. 19, 1955.

#7 Harriett M. Hersberger - Born Oct. 12, 1932.
William Spearman - Born
Married - July 19, 1957.
No children.

(3) Raymond E. Stottlemyer - Born - Sept. 26, 1898.
Laura Eiler - Born Sept. 26, 1903.
No children.

(4) Rosa Lee Stottlemyer - Born April 14, 1900. Died Mar. 15, 1955.
Maurice Erwin - Born Mar. 12
Married - Oct. 30, 1926.
Parents of one child.
#1 Russell W. Erwin - Born June 23, 1937.
Phillis Boggenkamp - Born Aug. 4
Married - June 14, 1952
Parents of two children.
1 Patricia Lynn Erwin - Born Sept. 7, 1955.
2 Nathan Douglas Erwin - Born Aug. 25, 1957.

(5) George C. Stottlemyer - Born Mar. 26, 1905.
Mary Londt - Born July 16
Married - Nov. 23, 1942
No children.

(6) William H. Stottlemyer - Born June 22, 1907.
Irma Teucher - Born July 24
Married - Nov. 7, 1930
Parents of four children.
#1 William E. Stottlemyer - Born Aug. 23, 1932.
Mary Ann Clark - Born
Married - June 13, 1954.
Parents of two children.
1 William John Stottlemyer - Born Feb. 18, 1956.
2 George Christian Stottlemyer - Born Dec. 18, 1957.
#2 Carolyn S. Stottlemyer - Born May 21, 1935.
Leonard Lesson. Born
Married - Sept. 8, 1957.
Parents of one child
1 David Eugene Lesson - Born Feb. 25, 1959.
#3 Anna L. Stottlemyer - Born Dec. 14, 1938.
#4 Nomia Stottlemyer - Born Dec. 12, 1940.

(7) Lauretta A. Stottlemyer - Born Feb. 19, 1910.
Charles Ehman - Born Jan. 9, 1910.
Married - April 6, 1935.
Parents of six children.
#1 Carle E. Ehman - Born April 11, 1937. Died April 11, 1939.
#2 Paul D. Ehman - Born Dec. 23, 1938.
#3 Roger Lee Ehman - Born Aug. 2, 1941.
#4 Vonda Rose Ehman - Born Mar. 8, 1944. Died Aug. 4, 1952.
#5 Terry Neal Ehman - Born Sept. 4, 1949.
#6 Nila Ree Ehman - Born Mar. 13, 1954.

(8) Mary M. Stottlemyer - Born May 27, 1914.
Gerald Dellinger - Born May 2, 1914.
Married - April 6, 1935.
Parents of two children.
#1 Ronald J. Dellinger - Born Dec. 24, 1941. Died Dec. 24, 1941.
#2 Delois June Dellinger - Born May 18, 1944.

(9) Martha L. Stottlemyer - Born May 27, 1914. Died Mar. 1915.

2 Letitia Opal Commons - Born Nov. 10, 1874. Died Feb. 2, 1949.
Michael Mushrush - Born Dec. 10, 1869. Died July 4, 1954.
Married
Parents of two children.
(1) Ralph Mushrush - Born Nov. 9, 1895.
Esther Smithers - Born Sept. 26, 1897.
Married - Mar. 15, 1916.
Parents of three children.
#1 Robert Mushrush - Born Oct. 17, 1916.
#2 Geneve Mushrush - Born Dec. 4 1918.
James Campbell - Born Jan. 15, 1917.
Married 1941
Parents of two children.
1 James Patrick Campbell - Born Jan. 17, 1942
2 Gary Neal Campbell - Born Sept. 7, 1944.
#3 Leon Mushrush - Born Feb. 14, 1921.
Anna Louise Gladback - Born July 1, 1922.
Married
Parents of two children.
1 Michael Eugene Mushrush - Born Feb. 6, 1947.
2 William Henry Mushrush - Born June 15, 1950.

(2) Clarence Mushrush - Born Aug. 16, 1897.
Florence Walker - Born Dec. 1894.
Married - Mar. 1921
Parents of one child.
1 Vera Mushrush - Born Feb. 12

3 Racheel Estella Commons - Born June 30, 1881. Died Oct. 25 1957.
Augustus Morton Buchanan - Born June 14, 1879. Died Aug. 17, 1959.
Married - Nov. 3, 1901.
Parents of three children.
(1) Edith May Buchanan - Born April 30, 1904.
Not married.
(2) Gladys Delores Buchanan - Born June 3, 1907.
Thomas Sterling North - Born Nov. 4, 1906.
Married - June 23, 1927.
Parents of two children.
#1 David Sterling North - Born Feb. 26, 1929.
Joan Withers - Born Feb. 2, 1935.
Married - Dec. 6, 1958.
#2 Arielle North - Born Jan. 11 1932.
Clarence E. Olson, Jr. - Born July 1, 1926.
Married - Sept 4, 1954
Parents of two children.
1 Randall Olson - Born June 26, 1957.
2 Christina North Olson - Born July 11, 1959.

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~~Mrs. John Traughber~~
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Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46807

Hd. Qrs. Co. F 73rd Ind. Vol. Inf'y
Chattanooga Tenn Nov. 11th 1863

Mrs Rebecca Commins
Clarksville Ind.

Madam - This evening your letter - asking information concerning the death of your husband - was received - the which I am happy to write you in answer to your letter -

~~Your husband was a Lieutenant of this Company~~ was drowned by swimming in Lime River - I am positive he was cramped - as he was an accomplished Swimmer - his body was raised from the bed of the River by means of diving - his body was not raised until Sept 2d (he was drowned on the 1st about 2. P.M.) I had his Coffin made as well as could be under the circumstances - I had him buried in his Uniform & of course with military honors - he was decently interred - I had a head board made upon which is

Carved his name - the Co. & Regt to which he belonged.
& the cause of his death cut in plain letters
& figures - this was placed at the head of his grave
properly and the grave can easily be found at any
time if desired - he was buried about 1/4 of a Mile
from the Shell Mound Depot - South Side of the River -
Close by the roadside (the road running East & West)
about 30 rods East of the Salt Petre works which is
on the same road above refered to & on the same side
of the road as that of the Grave, the Grave is ~~on~~
~~the edge of the timber~~ 40 rods ~~which is~~ the River
hill - the grave is at the foot of this hill - An old
house stands within a Dozen rods of the grave & on
the opposite side of the road (as aforesaid) running
around the foot of this hill - the road at this point
runs farralel with the River & about 30 rods South
of it (the River) and in traveling this road up the
River - the Grave & the Salt Petre works will be to
your right & the old house (refered to) on your left
the Grave is between the Salt Petre works & the old house

And nearest the old house — traveling the same direction the country between the road & the River is almost level & clear of timber — this is to your left hand — then on your right the country is mountainous — the line of the States of Tenn. Georgia & Alabama corner about ½ of a mile ~~to~~ from the grave & to your right — up on the mountain side — the Nashville & Chattanooga Rail Road runs with the River at this point & is between the River & the grave — (nearest the River) the Depot Ruins

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up the river from Bridgeport — this R.R. is in running order as far as Bridgeport And I think the road will be completed up to Shell Mound & on to Chattanooga in a few months — the Rebels occupied that country since we were there but I think there are none at Shell Mound now — though those hills above referred to may be infested with Guerrillas — but they will not be there long I am sure — our forces are occupying that R.R. now in order to repair it —

All the effects your husband died possessed of I forwarded to you by Mr Staff (Auditor of Hamilton Co.) he left here a few days ago and ere this reaches you I presume you will have received them. He was buried in all his clothing, but all else I sent you. Hope you have received it ere this. I do not know indeed how to advise you regarding your husband's disinterment. But my opinion is at this time it would be difficult to obtain the remains — perhaps you could procure transportation after the completion of the R.R. — but I should not advise you to undertake it at this time. Knowing too that he was interred decently & properly — this you have my word for — Thousands upon I have known to have been buried when the exigencies of the service would not admit of any better — I believe I have answered your questions & gave you the particulars as best I could —

Do not think you are wearying or troubling me at all. I always take time (and indeed it affords me much pleasure) to write & give any information required to the friends of any of my Co. — And I take pleasure especially in assisting or giving information to those who are bereft, therefore if any further information in regard to your deceased husband is required do not hesitate to address me and I will with pleasure make an explanation — (I advise you to preserve this sheet for future reference)

Yours with respect M. L. Floyd

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COMMONS

SON OF

MARY
UN-WED
1787 - 1851

DAUGHTER OF

JOHN COMMONS & SARAH DIXON
1750 DIED 1790 TYPHOID FEVER 1779

SON OF

WILLIAM COMMONS & SARAH SCARLET
1723-1795 COUNTY KERRY IRELAND 1725 1800
CAME TO AMERICA 1749

JOHN
1811-1868
&
RACHAEL
CLARK
1812-1870

REBECCA & FRANK CRAIG
MARTHA
MICHAEL (ADOPTED OCT 1954)
JENE CALAMONERI
GARNET & KENNETH
PEPPLE
JOYCE
PAULINE
GEORGE
CRAWFORD & JERRY
DARLENE GRIST
RALPH
DONALD
JACKIE
ROBERT & LUCILLE WOMACK
CYNTHIA
HILDA & ROBERT HAMPTON
CLINTON NICKY & RAUGHLER
GERALD & DONNA JOHNSON
ANNABELLE & EDWARD SCOTT
ARISTA & HENRY KRAMER
PAMELA
SHARON STREETER & EDWARD KRANZUSCH
ROSLELIE
VICKI
JANICE & SAEFRUM MARSHALL
JOYCE
DANIEL
JAMES
SALLY BIGELOW
KENNETH
JEFFERY & DEBRA PHILLIPS
GREGORY
SHERREL ANN
ALEXANDRIA
SOPHIA & BYRON BLAUGH
JAMES
STEVEN
HOWARD & EVELYN WEAVER
2ND MARY BOSS
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JUSTINE & JOHN NOYER
HELEN & ROBERT ATTINGER
MARTHA & FRITZ
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BETTY & JAMES LOGAN
JERRY
JANET
JONATHAN
JAMES
ROBERT & HORTENSE WARNER - COMMONS -
MAUDE & LEONARD SWANK
CLAUDE & MARY SEWARD
CONNIE
MICHAEL
MAXINE HILL
COY & LAURA
NANCY
RUSSELL & EDNA SNOWDEN
2ND WIFE NOVA LYNCH
METTA & LAVERNE DARLING
2ND HUSB RODNEY WADE
LARRY
PATRICIA
MARTIN WADE
ROBERT
DONALD & PATRICIA SARTELL
ANNA
VESTA & ERNEST WALDON
JUDY
JANET
ALLEN
LARRY
INEZ & RUSSELL MORGAN
MINA & CHARLES BUCHANAN
JAMES & NANCY HUNTZINGER COMMONS
1847-1906
1852-1924
ESTELLA & AUGUSTA BUCHANAN
CHARLES & AUGUSTA BUCHANAN BROTHERS
EDITH
ARZA & ALPHA ROBISON COMMONS
DEBORA
MINNO
JANICE
ROBERT TOTTLE
PHYLLIS
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REV RUSSELL BOGGENKAMP
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ROSA & MAURICE IRWIN
GEORGE & MARY ALTOM
ADA & JAMES STOTTLEMYER
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RAYMOND & LAURA EILER
VERA
CLARENCE & FLORENCE WALKER
GENEVA & JAMES CAMPBELL
GARY
LEON & ANNA GLADBACK
MICHAEL
WILLIAM
LETITIA & MICHAEL MUSHRUSH
RALPH & ESTHER SMITHERS
ROBERT
ALTA & LAWRENCE ANDERSON
GILBERT
DOROTHA MUSSTEMAN
HARRIETTA & WILLIAM SPERRMAN
ALBERTA & ROBERT ANDERSON
SALLY
PHILBERT
ALAN WILLIAMS
VIVIAN & WILLIAM
BARBARA
JUDITH & KENNETH MEAD
WILLIAM & IRMA TEUSCHER
LAURETTA & CHARLES EHMAN
MARY & GERALD DELLINGER
TWINS
MARTHA
SHARLEY & DALE
JUNE
RONALD
LAWRENCE
CONNIE
MARJORIE & GLEN GIMPLE
CARLA
KAREN
KEVEN
BRUCE
IRENE & JOHN SPRANG
MARCIA & BILLY M. KOWEN
JANE
JILL
EARL
LILLIAN & ROUDEBUSH
DIANE
RODNEY
BRADLEY
DALE & EVELYN SHUTER
BRIAN
KENNETH & BETTY AMOS
JEFFERY (ADOPTED)
DAVID
BRENDA
BRUCE
KIETH & BERNICE DUNN
DIANNA
JEAN & HENRY
LINDA
JOHN
DOUGLAS
VIRGINIA & EDWARD DILLIE
ANN
NILA
JERRY & CAROLYN
LONDA
ROGER
LANNIE LASSEMAN
MARIE
DAVID
CHARLES
PAUL
NAOMI
ANNA
WILLIAM & MARY CLARK
WILLIAM
GEORGE
RICHARD
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JAMES
LOUISE & JAMES GRAHAM
RAYE & ESTHER THACKER
NORMA
FRED GREEN
RICHARD
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3RD "
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ADA KUDDIG MOTHER
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TWINS
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MARTHA & EMS WISSINGER
SARAH & RICHARD BEEMS
LORUS
MARY BOOP & HARRY NICHOLSON
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OSCAR & MYRTLE
CLIFFORD FAUSETT
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MARTHA & GEORGE LACKEY
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SARAH JANE & ISAAC ALFREY
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JAMES & MARTHA BAUGHNER
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GEORGE & JOSEPH LACKEY BROTHERS
MARY & JOSEPH LACKEY
EARL & ETHEL BURKE
ELIZA ANN
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SAMUEL & 1859
1849
MARY & JAMES LUND
MADGALINE
SAMANTHA & JOHN BICER
GLADYS & STERLING NORTH
ARIELLE & CLARENCE OLSON JR
RANDALL
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DAVID & JOAN WITHERS
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